

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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JUNICHI SEKIYAMA, ET AL.)	
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Application No.: 10/684,468)	
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Filed: October 15, 2003)	
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For: SHEET POST-PROCESSING DEVICE)	November 12, 2003
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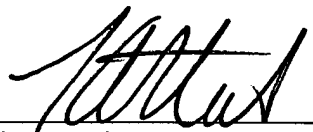
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

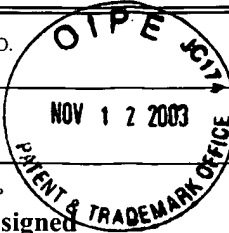
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